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DARREL THOMPSON: Government defense experts today are pondering the implications of a report of Soviet activity in a military field which, until recently, the Russians showed little interest. CBS News diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb is the story.

KALB: A new Administration report on Russian military strength shows that the Soviet Union has developed a significant amphibious capability. This report was given to some Senators last Friday by CIA representatives in a private briefing, and the Pentagon is giving it considerable weight in drawing up its military plans for next year.

The report is believed to stress that Russia has five new fighter planes while we have none; that Russia is building aircraft carriers and Polaris-type submarines; that Russia now has 45 combat ships in the Mediterranean, including a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier; that Russia is negotiating for a second naval base in the area in Algeria to add to the one they have at Alexanaria, Egypt; and that Russian missile production is cutting sharply into American lead.

Marvin Kalb, CBS News, Washington.

* CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations + Sens Mansfield, Fulbright & McInnis from the foreign relations Committee as invitees.